REMARKS

In the Office Action dated July 17th, 2002, the Examiner required restriction to one of three groups of claims. Applicant has chosen to elect Group I, encompassed by claims 1-26. Applicant has canceled claims 27-37 drawn to Groups II and III.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully believes the present application to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any matter of form or language which stands in the way of examination of the present application, the undersigned hereby respectfully requests a telephone conference to resolve such issues.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment in fees associated with the prosecution of this application to deposit account No. 08-1500.

Respectfully Submitted,

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